

# GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 17, 2019

4:00pm

## MINUTES

*Central Library  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hemphill Board Room*

### MEMBERS ATTENDING

(Voting)

### ABSENT

(Voting)

### STAFF

(Non-voting)

### LIAISON

(Non-voting)

1	BENNETT, JAMES	DONNELL, FELITA	BLANTON, BRIGITTE	WELLS, GOLDIE - GSO CC
2	BYNUM, MONICA	ESPINOLA, MARY	KEESEY, DENA	CASHION, KAY - -GCC (Absent)
3	CUTLER, IVAN	GALLIMORE, LAURA		
4	HALL, SUSANNE	TURNER, PAMELA		
5	HANLIN, TIM			
6	PARKER, APRIL (Call in)			
7	PEARSON, MICHAEL			

(7) Present

(4) Absent

### CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

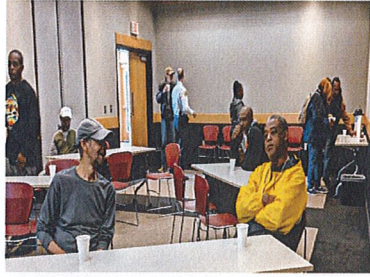
- Meeting called to order at 4:02pm.
- Approval of Minutes:
  - May 20, 2019: Motion to approve by Susanne Hall; second by Michael Pearson

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- One City, One Book – Requests have been made to Trevor Noah, author of this year's book selection, to come to Greensboro for the kick-off. Director distributed postcards, "We're All Reading Your Book! Please Come to Greensboro, NC" asking the Board to share these with friends, etc., add a personal note to Trevor and return to the Library for mailing, in hopes of getting Trevor to come to Greensboro for the kickoff.
- Summer Reading kickoff was held Saturday, June 15 at Central with 650 in attendance. Maxi B's donated cupcakes for the event.
- FY2019-2020 Recommended Budget presented to City Council Tuesday, May 21, 2019.
- Director shared "Relaxing with Resources", a bi-monthly, hour-long program that provides a safe, judgment free space for the **temporary without housing population** to relax and learn about Library resources. While customers and staff enjoy coffee and a light snack, a speaker gives a brief presentation on a Library or community resource.

#### Topics Covered

- Affordable Housing (Thursday, June 27)
- EBooks 12 attendees
- Freegal 9 attendees
- Job and Career Resources 18 attendees
- Kanopy 16 attendees
- Makerspace program 16 attendees
- Summer Reading Program 20 attendees



- Director mentioned the Summer 2019 Calendar of Events for Adults, pointing out it is full of free opportunities.
- Director thanked Board members for their response to the “call to action” email from NCPLDA whereby Board members were asked to contact local elected officials concerning the State Aid proposed budget for Libraries
- Social Work in Libraries – As a result of the meeting with participants from UNC-G, A&T, and GPL on May 22, we are working toward a possible social work intern.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **GHM**
  - June 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dolley & Me Tea - O’Henry Hotel, 11:30am – 12:30pm. Thirty tickets are still available at \$75/each
  - July 4 – The Museum will be open even though City offices will be closed.
  - July 4 – Fun Fourth – Downtown Greensboro, 1:00pm – 8:00pm.
  - October 17 – GHM, Inc. Annual Dinner with special guest, Smithsonian Curator Sunae Parks Evans – O’Henry Hotel, 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
  - December 7 - The opening of “American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith”, the Smithsonian traveling exhibition.
- **PlanIT GSO**
  - Continuing to work toward outlining “specific” goals City Council was asked to consider.
- **Advocacy**
  - Interaction with Legislators

### **NOTES FROM CHAIR**

- No meeting in July. Make visits to the Branches and attend programs being offered at the Library/Museum.
- Follow up – delivery of FY2017-2018 Annual Report to elected officials.

### **COMMENTS**

- Gillespie Park Elementary School end-of-year event on June 1 - Vance Chavis Branch staff really helpful in providing materials; 225 children signed up for summer reading, 25 teens received the Teen Events calendar, entire staff received the Summer Reading flyer.
- Weaver House displaying Library's calendar of events on bulletin board.
- Please advise Chair if you know of someone willing to speak to City Council about what the Library has done for them, how Libraries helped them in some way.

There being no other business, motion to adjourn by Michael Pearson, second by Monique Bynum.

Meeting adjourned 4:50PM.



# June 2019

## Monthly Highlights

### BENJAMIN BRANCH

- Attendance at teen programs during the summer is one of our higher months on engagement with teens at Benjamin Branch. For **Inner Peace and Chocolate** on June 20, the Youth Librarian introduced 13 teens to several meditative arts and crafts, as well as the feel good chemicals associated with chocolate. In a second teen program held June 27, the teenagers learned how scents can affect moods with aromatherapy, crafting their own essential oil recipes for good sleep pillow mists. The meeting space turned into a quite a calming environment with the scents and relaxing music playing in the background.
- The Benjamin Branch hosted a program called **Living Clutter Free: The Secrets of Organizing** and had 14 people attend. Staff were surprised and encouraged when the weather had turned bad and still had that many folks come. For a standalone adult program, this is a successful effort.

### CENTRAL BRANCH – ADULT PROGRAMMING

- The Greensboro Public Library participated in **Greensboro Downtown Parks' third annual Downtown Campout in LeBauer Park**. This yearly event is a unique opportunity to roll out your sleeping bags, pop up your tents, and sleep under the stars in LeBauer Park. The Library provided fun crafts for the campers (in spite of a little rain) and hosted a special movie screening of *Space Jam*. There were 100 movie-going campers and about 35 craft participants.

### CENTRAL BRANCH - CIRCULATION AND CHILDREN'S ROOM

- One of the highlights of teen programming this year and for the last seven years has been **Gamga Con** (Greensboro Public Library's Graphic Novel, Anime and Manga Convention). The first year, 40 people attended the convention. Within two years, the attendance outgrew the Benjamin Branch and moved to Central Library. The original members still attend meetings and plan the convention. This year, the Library added more local artists, writers, and vendors. The Central Branch held a **Smash Bros** tournament that was a big draw, a **Cosplay contest** and much more with attendance of 410 (an increase from last year's attendance of 350). Gamga Con is very popular and local businesses attend and support this program. The event remains free and continues to attract all ages, especially young adults and families. Originally, this event was offered from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm and now has moved out into LeBauer Park for some of the events lasting from 11:00am – 7:00pm.
- A customer requested assistance enlarging the font on her resume. While the staff member was enlarging the text and making a few minor formatting changes, the customer discussed her life in Florida and how she was applying for a position at Bank of America. The customer was really excited about how her updated resume looked. After printing a few copies, the customer shook the staff member's hand and thanked them for assistance. The customer said she will come back and let the staff member know if she gets the job.

### CENTRAL BRANCH - INFORMATION SERVICES

- Information Service's NC History/Government Documents Librarian is engaged in digitizing a collection of area church histories assembled some years ago by Helen Snow. We look forward to seeing these on our website.
- Use of downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, the Kanopy streaming service, and Freegal Music was up again in June with over 47,000 circulations.



- The Information Service's Business/Non-profit Librarian has completed a careful review of our business reference and non-profit collections, and we will soon be refreshing these important collections with new materials.

#### GLENN McNAIRY BRANCH

- On June 14, the Glenn McNairy Branch hosted the first of three **Preschool Water Play programs** in the fenced garden. Despite the slightly chilly morning, 60 young children, parents, and caregivers attended. Attendees were enthusiastic, voicing their appreciation for the event and joyfully playing with the pirate ship water table, spray bottles, paint brushes and the bubble machine.
- The Glenn McNairy Branch hosted the first two sessions of the **Healthy Brains** series with age **Coach Cheryl Greenberg**, on June 20 and 27. Between the two programs, 39 attendees participated in exercises to strengthen their memories, asking questions, working together on activities, and went home with books and related materials on healthy aging and memory.
- The Glenn McNairy Branch held its first teen program of the summer on June 18, with 25 teens attending our **Stranger Things Arcade Night**. The Branch's Youth Librarian connected our new Atari game system to the Smart Board so teens could play '80's-era video games like Space Invaders and Frogger, just like they do in the popular show *Stranger Things*. Board games and crafts were also available, and the Branch served Eggo waffles and popcorn.

#### GLENWOOD BRANCH

- Seventeen people attended our program on June 22 to make **galaxy bath fizzers** at the Library. One patron arrived during set up. Being a new resident of the neighborhood, she specifically sought out the Library in hopes of finding something to occupy her summer. She was absolutely delighted to hear about our summer reading program – and even more excited to know our community programming for adults would continue into the fall. All attendees of the program were eager to try this new craft – smelling the essential oils and picking colors for their bath-time creations. More than one commented on how cool it was to find a way to access such a luxury good (“they’re just so expensive!”) in an affordable and customizable way.
- The Glenwood Branch hosted a **Candyland Universe** on June 27 with an attendance of 79. Even though the Branch's Youth Librarian had Candyland just last month, lots of families came out to see the new upgrades. The props were fabulous, a joint effort of several Youth Librarians across the Branches. This program includes counting, color recognition, strategy, and perseverance which is surely to become a favorite with families.

#### HEMPHILL BRANCH

- The Fifth Annual **Star Wars Fest** was held June 22 from 1:00-4:00pm. It was probably the best and most organized one to-date. There were 16 costumed characters from the 501<sup>st</sup> and Mando Mercs appeared for all three hours in addition to crafts, games, face painting, trivia and costume contest. A new addition this year was a group of teens who are in a Robotics club. They displayed and demonstrated some of their creations. Approximately 300-325 children, teens, and adults attended.
- Forty-six people attended the **Juneteenth** program at Hemphill, conducted by the Branch's Adult/YA Media Selector, Book Club Advisor & Adult Programming Coordinator. Many filled out surveys, Trevor postcards and talked with the Branch's Adult/YA Media Selector, Book Club Advisor & Adult Programming Coordinator afterwards. Infants to senior citizens were at the program along with a good number of school ages represented. The Branch's Adult/YA Media Selector, Book Club Advisor & Adult Programming Coordinator also made some connections with leaders of several community organizations.

#### HISTORY MUSEUM

- The History Museum's **summer intern and volunteer program** is in full swing, with 5 interns - 4 paid from the **Gayle Fripp and Craighead Davidson Scholarships**, at work in the Education and Archives Departments, and approximately 12 teen volunteers working with our summer camp program.



- The History Museum hosted the **Lunch and Learn** program, **Reflections on D-Day** on June 7. There was a full house with 40 people in attendance. Life-long learner, and recent UNCG graduate at 82, speaker **Phil Koch** shared maps, photos and stories surrounding the **June 6 D-Day Invasion**, commemorated 75 years later. This was promoted to and well attended by seniors from area residences.
- GHM, Inc.'s **Second Annual "Dolley & Me Tea"**, a program for children, but enjoyed by all ages, was held at the **O.Henry Hotel** on Saturday June 29. One hundred-ten people attended and just under \$13,000 was raised through a silent auction and sponsorships. Craft activities for children, a reading by author **Kate Pope** of *The Giving Crusade*, and a full tea was enjoyed by all, including a table of sorority sisters who came all the way from Raleigh after seeing the ad in **Our State Magazine**.

#### ***KATHLEEN CLAY EDWARDS BRANCH***

- Forty-eight people attended the **Build a Bot** program at Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch on June 26. Families came together to imagine what a space robot might look like and be used for, then designed and built their own robots out of recycled materials.
- The Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch provided two week-long environmental education outreach camps for youth utilizing resources from community partners. The **Science Education Department at UNCG** partnered with the Library at the **Center for New North Carolinians**. Nineteen youth attended the sessions. The second week of camp was at the **Applewood** location for the **Greensboro Housing Authority** with 7 attending. The **Arboretum in Asheville** provided i-pods for nature photography for this citizen science program called **ecoExplore**.

#### ***McGIRT-HORTON BRANCH***

- During June, a staff member assisted a customer on the computer getting all the paperwork and forms filled out for starting a new job at Fedex. This situation stood out in memory because the customer came back and specifically returned to this staff person and told them about her first day on the job. She expressed appreciation for the help and was really happy she was working, due to not only the current work, but also that it would give her experience to add to a resume to help further her career in the future.
- June 22, a performer came to the McGirt-Horton Branch to facilitate a program called **Digeridoo Down Under**. There were 11 attendees, primarily elementary-aged children with their families. The performer entertained and educated the group on the culture of **Indigenous Australians** by having the children sit in a circle around him and telling interactive stories while playing the diggeridoo.

#### ***VANCE CHAVIS BRANCH***

- Twenty-five families and friends waited patiently for their turn at the Chavis Branch's **Space Out! Escape Room** June 25. The research astronauts entered the darkened room, took their seats in the stasis chamber, were briefed on their mission, and the countdown began. Would they assemble their research and calculate the correct coordinates before colliding with an asteroid field or losing oxygen? Eureka moments abounded and five of the groups that participated in the 2-hour program excitedly posed for pictures with the Library's **Mae Jemison** display and their celebratory \*I Spaced Out at Chavis Library!\* sign.
- Vance Chavis' Branch Manager participated in the **Juneteenth** celebration at Nocho Park on June 22. The event was sponsored by a local business owner and the Library was one of two City Departments present, along with several members of City Council. Information about Library programs, services and events were shared with the more than 100 persons in attendance.